MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The statement * required is laid on the table.

Statement, by caste, of appointments made by the Assistant Conservators and Divisional Forest Officers during the last two years.

252. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table, a statement, by caste, showing the appointments made by each of the Assistant Conservators and Divisional Forest Officers of the Forest Department during the two years ending the 15th Mithunam 1107 ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The statement† required is laid on the table.

Opening of a road from th Cape road to the S. L. B. English High School, Nagercoil.

253. **MR. N. A. SUNDARAM PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any resolution from the Municipal Council, Nagercoil, passed on 8-7-1107, undertaking to contribute half the expenses in one instalment for opening a road from the Cape road near the Government Hospital to the S. L. B. English High School, Nagercoil; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken on it?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate has been sanctioned and the work is proposed to be taken up in 1108.

Statement by caste, of the inmates of the Central Prison.

254. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the inmates of the Central Prison?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A statement, ‡ by caste, of the inmates of the Central Prison after the lock-up on 6-12-1107 is laid on the table.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know why, in regard to the inmates of the Central Prison, the same caste distinction has not been made as in the statement, by caste, of appointments? In answer to my question there is a statement furnished on page xiii of the Appendix. On page xi a statement, by caste, of some appointments has been given; and there a distinction has been made between Protestants, Roman Catholics, depressed classes and ever so many other communities. In the case of the inmates of the Central Prison the same dinstinction has not been made.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have prescribed certain distinctions for the return of appointments alone.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivadrum*): May I know whether, since the present Superintendent, Central Prison, took charge, there is not room for the complaint that he is having more members of *his* community in the Central Prison? (*Laughter.*)

Principles followed in making appointments in the Anchal Department.

255. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): With regard to the appointments in the Anchal Department, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what are the principles or criteria, other than service and general qualifications, observed in the department for (i) confirmation and (ii) promotion; and

(*b*) whether any violation of the general rule has been made in the case of any during the last three years up to date (30-11-1107), and, if so, the reasons for the same?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Passing of the Anchal Departmental Examination or exemption by Government from passing the examination in deserved cases. Efficiency is also taken into account in the matter of promotion.

(*b*) No.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know in how many cases, during the last two years, exemption was granted from passing the Anchal Test?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The information is not available.

Purchase of milk for the Central Prison.

256. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the sum now spent yearly for the purchase of milk in the Central Prison;

(*b*) whether the milk used is Nestle's Ideal Swiss condensed milk;

(*c*) the average daily number of sick persons in the Jail Hospital and the average quantity of milk used per head;

(*d*) whether there is any difference between the market rate of this milk and the rate at which it is supplied to the Prison; and

(*e*) whether the authorities have tried whether local cow's milk could not be procured for the purpose?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Rs. 1,000 per annum.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) 6. 9·93 oz. per head.

(*d*) Yes. The rate at which the milk is supplied is Rs. 3 per case of 4 dozens of tins less than the market rate.

(*e*) Yes.

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